Fla. Libel Case Against Time Is Rescheduled

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 7 (AP)—A $2.5 million libel case against Time, Inc., tentatively was rescheduled for Feb. 3 and prominent attorney Melvin Belli apparently will be allowed to represent plaintiff Frank Ragano, court sources said today.

The case was postponed during pre-trial motions Monday when U.S. District Judge John F. Kilkenny, a visiting judge from Oregon, said three prospective jurors had told him they had been contacted by investigators working for Time, Inc. Kilkenny also disqualified himself from the case.

The sources said there were no legal bars to prevent Belli from participating in the trial.

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